

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEFT HANDED GOLFERS NEW ZEALAND

NEWSLETTER March 2021

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From the President

Rossco Herrett

Hello Fellow Lefties

Happy Golfing New Year and I hope you all had a Merry Xmas and managed to have a relaxing break over the festive season including the odd round of golf.

I've attended a couple of lefty tournaments so far this year the first being the Hawkes Bay Lefty's at Napier on an excellent golf course which was a good test of golf and the local Area Councillor Wayne Hughes did a superb job. I haven't been to the Bay since a family holiday in the mid 1980's and I was impressed with region so much to do I need to get back there and spend more time to enjoy it.

The second Tournament was local at the Waimakariri Golf Course which our Secretary Rodger Welsh always does a great job organising. A good day out with many lefty's coming from out of the area to attend. Kenny Tynan took the cake having travelled from Tauranga.

I'm so looking forwards to our National Tournament at the Hauraki Golf Club in March and I know Kenty and his committee will have a great week organised for us. It'll be so good to catch up with you all again since we missed out in 2020. Let's hope that Covid doesn't get in the way and we don't go back into Level 2

Let's hope that Covid doesn't get in the way and we don't go back into Level 2 or 3 which appears the norm in Feb.

It may not be necessary as we are reaching the endgame with this pandemic as this vaccine is now being rolled out and let's hope it's the "silver bullet" we have all been waiting for so that the world can get back to some kind of "new normal".

So, take care of yourselves and families. Good Golfing Cheers Rossco

Secretary's Corner

Rodger Welsh Hello, great to be here with you.

Certainly, a time for reflection and elation. Tournament organisers have persisted with postponements to eventually create a day or weekend out for us golfers and partners to enjoy. Well done you guys. In some situations, the only solution was to cancel. Results in cancelling means a difficult exercise to regain the enthusiasm to organise it all again. Well done Tony Stowers at Te Aroha, after three attempts through, storms he had it all complete. We have lost six tournaments around the region and recently Taranaki, but hey, there are twenty other regional tournaments. This is something to be proud of, thirteen in the North and seven in the South. It is really amazing to see so many golfers and their partners travelling to these venues not only to play golf, but also for a break and "time out". Doesn't matter if it is 10 or 100 entries, people who attend do enjoy the time.

Financially we are in a sound position, the grants to regional tournaments increased to \$150 for each event. I believe more movement is possible here or to the National tournament. Where tournament sponsors have flags, banners, teardrops, other utilities showcase these. Take photos that I can place in the newsletters. Sponsors should have a copy of the appropriate newsletter. On another note, the flyers should go out to all the appropriate clubs including the regional Golf Administration. It is great to see your poster in colour (or grayscale) on other club's notice board.

Changes to the financial system are looming or already in place. The banks are doing away with cheques. How you handle this is your choice, sending cash is not recommended. The bank staff will assist should you wish to use an ATM machine. No difficulty with these machines. Just follow the instructions on screen, make a mistake, options available. You will require our bank number, it will ask for your name, then three options, only two are necessary viz. your surname the account number. The machine will then eat your cash and say thank you. Easy as! Each year we lose members for some reason or other but at the same time, we gain new or returning members. Over the past 12 months 50+ people have joined. For membership numbers, we remain with the status quo. See you at Hauraki?

Obituary



Austin Wood Passed away 24th January aged 78 years. Loved Husband of Heather. Austin was a long-time member of the Left-Handers. He and Heather travelled to many tournaments. He made many friends. A quiet person who enjoyed the game and the camaraderie that makes up the Lefty's family. We acknowledge Austin for his contribution to golf and with sincere regrets to his passing. Our

sympathy to Heather and family.

Results from around the regions

Reefton. January 30th/31st: (Brian Hampton)

This year Brian Hampton (Hampy) started up a new event at Reefton. (Quick look up Reefton on the map!) yes, Reefton! Wow! This is a shantytown of tremendous character, lots of cafes, great shopping, graffiti free, clean and very tidy, great walks, plenty of entertainment and heaps of accommodation and lovely camping ground. Then there is the golf course, undulating but on nearly flat ground, easy walking, well cared for course. Brian was out before sunrise mowing the greens to ensure that everything was "spot on" for a couple of days in the sun with light winds. He also designed and made the three trophies. Well done Brian.



Results:

overall gross	John Ma	cPherson	166
overall nett	Brian Ro	binson	146
overall stableford	Craig Ha	milton	62
r/up stableford	Andrew	Fenemor	61
2nd r/up stableford	Rodney \	Wollard	60
3rd r/up stableford	Brian Ha	mpton	59
4th r/up stableford	Ross Far	rell	59
5th r/up stableford	Clive Dru	ummond	58
6th r/up stableford	Rodger V	Velsh	58
Closest to pin Saturday	2 & 14	Paddy	Helmore
Closest to pin Saturday	9	Rodne	y Wollard
Closest to pin Saturday	11	H	ampy
traightest Drive Saturday		Les E	Boniface
Closest to pin Sunday	2 & 14	Ross	Farrell
Closest to pin Sunday	9	Phil H	lumphrey
Closest to pin Sunday	11	John M	acPherson
Straightest Drive Sunda	у	Geo	off Inch
Two's		Denn	is Wright

Central Otago Lefties; Alexandra 31st January: Wayne Pollock

Results: We played in very hot conditions everybody had a good time

Women's was won by Audrey Roberts (Alexandra) with 34 points.

Men's was won by Steve Cawthorn (Nightcaps) with 39 points Second was Geoff Shaw (Maniototo) with 38 Third was Barry Brown (Bottle Lake) with 37

Forth was James Dowie (Island Park) with 37

Fifth was Graeme Carroll (Winton) with 36

Great field of 21 players and 6 women. There was Warwick King from Waahi Taakaro club in Nelson with Barry Brown from Bottle Lake club in ChCH and rest where from Otago and Southland



Southland Lefties at Winton 8th February: Graeme Carrol

A good group at Winton and on such a wonderful day. The course was in magnificent order though the scoring should have been better.

Best gross (after a playoff) Dale Owen 84

Best nett Steve Cawthorn 72 Twos Bill McRandle

Paddy Helmore 76 Longest Putt Barry Brown

Barry Brown 78 Closest to pin No. 3 Steve Cawthorn

David Gwynne 78 Closet to pin No.16 Bill McRandle

Bill McRandle 78

On a sadder note was the passing of Sam Woods last week, Sam was well known by lefties through-out NZ .

He won the senior championship at Winton 1974 also the Southland Lefties gross in 1980 $\mbox{\& }82$

He also won the over 70's section at the world lefties in Ireland in 2005 were he also had his second hole in one.

He also played senior grade pennants in Southland and was well thought of and respected in golfing circles, he will be sadly missed at our club. R.I.P. Sam.

Waimakariri Left-Handers 14th February: Rodger Welsh



What a glorious day, overcast, light southerly wind high of 26° Made for a great outing. 32 hopefuls graced the fairways. Lot of run on the course not always down the fairway! Martyn Price (Kaikoura) had not played the course for a few years, yet with only 1 bogey and 4 birdies he finished with a 69 gross, what a magnificent result. A special prize had been arranged for the winner, seeing this was St Valentine's day Martyn took home a large basket of goodies for his wife as well as winning the

Donaldson Trophy. Carl Franklin (Rangiora) won the Angus Trophy by lot, in a tough competition, for the best stableford. As well as the trophy both winners have free entry into next year's event. All players had the chance of winning \$5000, alas no one has owned up to such a win! All players left without at least two prizes. Thank you, team Kaikoura, for the many crayfish.

We thank our sponsors, Mitre 10 Mega New World, Bunnings, Weldon, Richard Davison, John Price, and The Waimakariri Golf Club for use of their facilities.

Gross	69	Martyn Price	37	Andrew Fenemor (NTP)
Stableford	39	Carl Franklin (2) (NTP)	36	Simon Murphy (NTP)
	39	Rod Wollard	35	Ken Tynan
	39	Gordon Purvis	35	Des McKenzie
	38	Lloyd Bell (2) & (NTP)	35	Paddy Helmore
	37	Jane Helmore	35	Richard Hawkes
	37	Ray Myers	35	Richard Davison

Hawke's Bay Annual Left-Handers tournament at Napier 23-24th January

LOINEL KELLY CUP overall gross winner Geoff Ingram KEITH DALLAS CUP. overall nett winner. Wayne Hughes NETT ONE DIVISION WINNER Dean Crafer NETT ONE DIVISION RUNNER UP Scott Brocklehurst LEFTHANDED STABLEFORDS NETT TWO DIVISION WINNER MARCUS ANDERSON NETT TWO DIVISION RUNNERUP GRANT DALTON

1- Laurie Fawcitt

2- Dave Downing

- 3- Ross Braybrook
- 4- Mervin Hughes
- 5- Bruce Mehrtens
- 6- Owen Young

LADIES NETT WINNER Annette Purves's

RIGHTHAND SUPPORTER WINNER Walter Robinson

APPROACHES

DAY ONE - Laurie Fawcitt-Malcom Fraser-Dave Downing-Kerry Bond DAY TWO- Ross Herrett- Tene Goldsmith- Marcus Anderson-Ken Tynan

39 in the field, Great weather everyone had a good weekend it was good to catch up with everyone.

Regards

Wayne Hughes

John Barber Memorial Trophy. One Day Best Net, (man or woman.)

Andrea has given the go-ahead to present the new trophy at Hauraki National this year. Thanks to Wayne Chesham for arranging the process to obtain the trophy.

WALG

Paris update World Lefty Championship Postponed to August 2022

Update from Dominique (Chairman and Vice Chairman agree):

I wish you very good health for this new year and hope it will be the end of this pandemic crisis that we have had for more than a year now. As discussed before, we've waited until the beginning of 2021 to see how things are moving in France and all over the world in order to decide a new date for the WALG championship in Paris. Regarding the last French Government options and the traveling opportunities around the world, we've taken the decision to officially ask you to postpone the French edition to 2022. Vaccination won't be effective for a big part of the population before summer and we won't have the possibility to organize for next August in time. This will also give a very short time for participants to register and we are afraid that many countries' players won't be able to make this trip. In order to make this event a success and be able to play without restrictions, it is more reasonable to ask for this new postponement. We are already in touch with the golf courses and mainly the Golf National (Ryder Cup 2018 and Olympic Games 2024). We want to make this edition in France a big success and we need to have at least 250 participants to be financially balanced. At this time, we already know it will be August 2022 and we start preparing the 27th edition to make it an unforgettable tournament and journey in France for all competitors. Once your confirmation is received and all delegations informed, we will also send a message to all the registered participants to give them the choice and process between returning their money or to let us keep it for the event in 2022. In the meantime, once again we wish you a very nice year 2021 and hope we can see each other again quickly for nice round of golf and continue to develop left-handed golf worldwide.

Dominique LACAN President. NALG France



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEFT HANDED GOLFERS NEW ZEALAND

AGM for the National Association of Left-handed Golfers New Zealand

5.30 pm on Sunday 21st March 2021 at the Hauraki Golf Club

Not the norm but many would not have heard, let alone, read Rossco's report to the AGM last year.

Presidents Report for 2019

Firstly, thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be your President I am honoured to be able to represent this great organisation and I hope I can fulfil the position with same enthusiasm and commitment as the previous Presidents.

2019 has been a very tumultuous year with highs and lows. We started off with a great National Tournament hosted by the Motueka Golf Club in April. Local NALG Delegate Kerry Smith along with the club committee did a fantastic job organising the week and what a great week we had. The Motueka golf course is a real gem and it was in pristine condition for us and the weather was near perfect for a golfer. It was a great opportunity for us to catch up with our Lefty colleagues in such convivial surroundings and at the various functions organised for us which makes the week so memorable.

In June we received the sad news of our long-time previous Secretary John Barber passing after a very deliberating illness. John was "Mr Lefty" of the NALG for many years before handing it over to Jack Boettcher in 2018 and his over whelming commitment to the position and organisation was just first class. He was a great friend to many of us and he will be sadly missed by our Lefty fraternity.

In September we received another blow with the sudden passing of our incumbent Secretary Jack Boettcher and I was beginning to wonder what's happening to this organisation after many years of a

stable committee and another loss of the key position as Secretary which effectively is the administration arm of the organisation. Jack did very good work in updating our member database and looking at how we could increase our membership in the short time he was in the position.

Thanks to the assistance of Neil Stevenson, Harriet Byelich, Tim Belcher and Brian Cronin we managed to see our way thru to the end of 2019 before Rodger Welsh kindly offered to fill the Secretary/Treasurer position. What a relief to find someone let alone Rodger who has had considerable experience with administration around golf clubs and he has been a long-time member of our association and we really appreciate that the legacy of very competent Secretaries in this organisation will continue with Rodger.

Local lefty golf tournaments continued around the NZ over the past year and special thanks to the organisers of these tournaments they are the life blood of our Association. It is important that we continue and encourage these tournaments along with the grant of \$125 from the Association to assist in the prizes and I would like to see more of them.

2020 for all of us will be one we will remember as it is life changing where we were required to lockdown in our bubble for several weeks. Almost everything closed down including all golf courses so we were restricted to watching golf on TV.

Unfortunately, due to Covid we had to cancel our National Tournament this year in March which Kenty and his team promised us a special week so we will now need to wait until March next year where they will be hosting us.

Who knows where this pandemic will lead us and observing what's happening overseas, we maybe in this "Bubble of 5 Million" for some time?

Please take care of yourselves, your family and loved ones as we get through these unprecedented times.

Best Regards

Minutes of the thirty sixth annual general meeting of the N.A.L.G.N.Z Inc. Held at the President's Address; 66 Fairway Drive, Christchurch. 4.30 pm on the 26th July 2020. Present:

In attendance was the Secretary/Treasurer including, (via "Zoom" messaging in audio and video). members of the association to make up the quorum required for such a meeting: Covid 19 triggered a cancellation of March National Tournament the AGM Venue. IRD have given a time dispensation to allow another AGM Venue. Our constitution allows for such a circumstance providing a Quorum of 10 members be present.

Apologies:

Wayne Chesham, Tim Belcher, Harriet Byelich, Bill Werry. Apologies accepted Moved from the Chair seconded by Robin Kent

Respect for Member Past

One-minute silence was requested to remember and respect those of the Association that passed away during the year.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of the previous 35th A.G.M. Held Motueka Memorial Hall on the 7th April 2019 having been circulated in the March Bulletin were taken as read. No matters arising. Approved and signed as a true corrected record: Moved: Nigel Messenger 2nd By Neil Stevenson

Presidents Report:
President Ross Herrett read and tabled his Annual Report which was received and approved by the members present.

Moved: Ross Herrett; Seconded: Neil Stevenson. Motion Carried.

Patron: Sir Bob Charles was proposed by Ross Herrett seconded Audrey Messenger. Motion Carried

Financial Reports:

An independent Financial Reviewer appointed at the Annual General Meeting 2017 whose duties shall be to examine and report on the Annual Accounts of the Society for submission to the Members.

The incumbent is Neil Stevenson a Chartered Accountant

The Financial Statement and Balance Sheet of the Association for the year ended 31st December 2019, having been circulated in the March Bulletin, was tabled and approved.

Moved: Rodger Welsh Seconded: Robin Kent.

Election of Officers:

Patron - Sir Bob Charles President - Ross Herrett

Vice President - Tim Belcher Secretary/Treasurer - Rodger Welsh

Councillors:

Nuddy Pillay and Murray Horsnell Auckland/Northland Wayne Chesham Waikato/Bay of Plenty

Roger Maxwell Taranaki

Tim Belcher Manawatu/Wanganui Wayne Hughes Hawkes Bay/Poverty Bay Bill Werry Wellington/Wairarapa

(Kerry Smith) * Tasman

Ross Herrett Aorangi/Canterbury
Barry Patton Otago/Southland

Moved Neil Stevenson seconded Robin Kent. Carried

*Kerry is the outgoing councillor pending a volunteer to take over this role

Other Business:

National Tournament 2021 Hauraki Golf Club

2022 Waitikiri Golf Club

2023 Options available Auckland/

Napier/Mount Maunganui & Levin?

Require a new entry Form for tournaments.

National tournament profit stays with the host club and used for local

Left Handers Tournament?

Some discussion on entry fees...can they be subsidised

More advertising re lefty association required.

Annual Subscription as determined at the Regional Meeting of

Councillors to remain at \$30

Grants for Regional NALGNZ tournaments to be \$150 as

determined at the Regional Meeting of Councillors

The Chairman/Host thanked those who attended and lamented the success of "Zoom" as a medium for further meetings.

Meeting closed at 5. 04pm

National Association of Left-handers Golfers of NZ Inc Statement of Income and expenditure For the year ended 31st December 2020

In same	2020	2019
Income Subscriptions	9,990.00	11,731.00
Interest Income	506.59	684.41
National Tournament Income	000.00	7,279.51
Donations	50.00	30.00
Total income	10,546.59	<u> 19,724.92</u>
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Less expenses	4E EO	40.45
Bank Service Charges Committee Expenses	45.50	286.00
Depreciation Expense	221.00	223.00
General Expenses	57.77	223.00
Marketing & Development	37.77	391.71
National Tournament Expense		1,000.00
Newsletter Postage	910.69	843.50
Newsletter Printing	1,231.49	1,522.45
Regional Tournament Grants	1,800.00	1,125.00
Secretarial Honorarium	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	2,000.00
Software & Computer Expense	605.00	,
Stationary, Postage & Delivery	163.71	24.48
Stock Write Off		50.00
Travel & Accommodation	230.00	236.93
Total Expenses	5,265.16	7,743.52
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Net Income for Year	5,281.43	11,981.40

National Association of Left-handers Golfers of NZ Inc Balance Sheet As at 31st December 2020

ASSETS	2020	2019
Current Assets BNZ Trading Account BNZ Term Deposit Interest Accrued Advance Nationals	23,661.94 18,000,00 108.89 750.00	20,385.85 18,000.00 165.60 700.00
Total Current Assets	42,520.83	<u>39,751.45</u>
Other Assets Fixed Assets (as per schedule)	7,611.00	7,832.00
Total other Assets	7,611.00	7,832.00
Total Assets	50,131.83	<u>47,583.45</u>
Liabilities & Equity Liabilities	50,131.83	47,583.45
Liabilities & Equity Liabilities Current Liabilities Subscriptions in Advance	50,131.83 960.00	3,110.00
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National Association of Left-handed Golfers of NZ Inc Fixed asset and depreciation schedule 2020

	C	Opening Book	De	preciation	Closing
	Cost	Value	Rat	e Value	Book Value
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Flags	1934.00	1934.00			1934.00
Kelly Trophy	330.00	330.00			330.00
Poole Trophy	650.00	650.00			650.00
Thompson Trophy	580.00	580.00			580.00
Plier Trophy	350.00	350.00			350.00
Charles Trophy	1,030.00	1,030.00			1,030.00
Harrington Trophy	350.00	350.00			350.00
Askew Trophy	500.00	500.00			500.00
Schweppes Trophy	705.00	705.00			705.00
Turner Trophy	179.00	179.00			179.00
Armstrong Trophy	250.00	250.00			250.00
Kakapo Trophy	500.00	500.00			500.00
Acer Computer &					
Windows 2016	1,175.00	137.00	100	137.00	
Infusion Programme	e 799.00	337.00	25	84.00	253.00
TOTALS	9,757.00	7,832.00		221.00	<u>7,611.00</u>

Financial Reviewer's Report

To the Members of the National Association of Left Handers Golfers of New Zealand Inc

I have reviewed the financial statements of the National Association of Left Handers Golfers of New Zealand Inc for the year ended 31 December 2020.

A review is limited primarily to enquiries of club personnel and analytical review procedures applied to financial data and thus provides less assurance than an audit. I have not performed an audit and, accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the accompanying financial statements do not give a true and fair view.

N L Stevenson Financial Reviewer

A June

Player Profile



Jeremy Goodman

Intro: Jeremy has been a member of the Left-Handers for many years. He was our PGA golfing coach and wrote many articles for the newsletter. Jeremy and his wife Trina live locally in Rangiora. Jeremy supports Trina in her business as a Lawn Renovation Specialist. Jeremy is involved with welfare care for the disabled, a

role he is very passionate about. Jeremy still enjoys his golf but in a more social environment. He relaxes by spending time with his family. They have two adult children. Jeremy writes here of his life adventure in golf. A good read: Rodger

Dear Lefties

I played in the Waimak lefthanders golf tournament on Sunday 14th of Feb (thanks to Rodger Welsh and his team for an excellent day). As I stood looking over the course after the round, I was struck by the thought that if you were ever going to pick a day to play your last round of golf (warm weather, no wind, lovely country course, great people) then this wouldn't be a bad one to choose. So that's what I've decided to do. By chance, the next day Rodger emailed me and asked if I could write something for the lefty's newsletter about my years in the game (he didn't know I had decided to hang up my sticks). Now I don't know why I would be deserving of this honour seeing as there are far more interesting and higher achieving leftie players out there but he asked so here it is.

Part 1 - Youngster & fame & fortune

I was born in 1968 in Timaru. I watched my dad hack his way round Highfield and Glen-iti and through him I caught the bug. We lived approx. 10km away from Glen-iti at the time and I remember hooking my trundler on to my 10 speed and biking to the course almost every day. I had the bug so badly that I can't remember any of those bike rides, I can only remember 'needing' to hit balls.

I attended Timaru Boys High for my secondary education at a time when their golf team was fortunate to have a whole slew of great young golfers (one of them was Scott Ritchie, a fellow leftie who has achieved high honours in playing and coaching). To be brutally honest I wasn't that good but determination makes up a lot when you're young and I was nothing if not determined. Once I got to single figures, I decided I wanted to be a golf pro, travel the world making money and meeting pretty girls. This thought of future fame pretty much coincided with my headmaster Jim Sawyers saying to me "it's time for you to leave school, either you're going to go voluntarily or I'm going to do it for you" This probably had something to do with the fact I was bunking every afternoon to bike to the golf course! So, off I went to start a professional apprenticeship at Chisholm Park Golf Club in Dunedin for John Evans of Evansgolf fame.

The highlight / lowlight of my time at Chisholm was that as the apprentice it was my job to clean John's Rolls Royce each week. Unfortunately, the first time I did it I used a scrubbing brush on his paint job and this pristine car now looked like a cat's scratching post. I believe I had to cut and polish that car for a week after that! I left Dunedin when John moved his operation to Auckland and continued my apprenticeship at Mount Maunganui for Allan McKay. I eventually 'finished my time' after 4 years and moved to work for Paul Mahoney at Hutt Golf Club.

The best thing about my time in Wellington was that I found the 'pretty' girl I had been looking for, her name was Trina and she was an apprentice greenkeeper at Hutt. She was so taken with me that she drove a tractor into a wall while she was watching me (that's true, I'm not lying). At about the same time I decided to try and find my fame and fortune playing the pro-am circuit in Queensland. I 'repatriated' our combined wealth of \$1500 (I sort of let her know) and my mate and I were off. We travelled far, drank too much, and made no money. I then had an epiphany that I'd rather have the girl and not the golf so I rang her from a pub somewhere in the back blocks of Queensland and proposed. Two mistakes 1/ I might have been slightly inebriated 2/ I didn't realise it

was April fool's day. Trina didn't believe me for a couple of days but eventually I convinced her I was genuine.

We are still together and she is still the greatest prize I've ever won. Anyway, our VW combi van packed up on the main avenue leading to parliament building in Canberra so we left it there and headed for the airport. If you happen to visit Canberra and see an old combi van sitting on the side of the road, help yourself. After my un-triumphant return from Aussie Trina and I moved to Masterton where I was the head pro for a couple of years, we then did a short 8-month O.E. to the U.K. (it would have been longer but we ran out of money) before returning to Christchurch where I took up the head pro job at Coringa Country Club. We were at Coringa for 7 years and left in 2000. I didn't play again for at least 5 years. I needed a change by that so went and did Ironman triathlons and marathons for a number of years.

Part 2 - Back to being an amateur

Sometime in about 2013 Trina and I were living in Oxford, North Canterbury, raising our kids and fostering some other youngsters as well. One of the young fellas asked if we could go and play golf so we went up to the Waimak Golf Club and the 'bug' returned like a tsunami! Next thing I know I had joined the Waimak and was hitting balls every hour that God (or Trina) gave me. I think it was this period (after returning to being an amateur) that I have played my best golf and had my best results. That might just be because you get to play more as an amateur or maybe because I was past 40 and might have finally started growing up and not 'always' throwing my toys out of the cot! I played 2 Freyberg Masters and 1 Toro interprovincial for Aorangi after the age of 47, played a good number of games for North Canterbury and quite a few seasons of Woodward Cup for Rangiora and then for the mighty Dale (Avondale Golf Club).

Not wanting to be overly sentimental but as I look back over the 40 years of playing it isn't any accolades or results that I remember

most, it's the people I met and our shared experiences, it's the smile on a kid's face from ear to ear when they broke 100 for the first time, it's the people who have allowed me to be part of their life just because we had a 'game' in common, it's the people that have gone out of their way to help me when they didn't have to. So, I've come to the conclusion that the tin pots on the mantlepiece just aren't that important, I mean do you really remember (without googling it) who won the 1992 British Open. If you see me on the street say hi because you have meant the world to me.

Career favourite achievement:

Beating my mate Jason Leary for the 2018 Waimak Lefthanders tournament after shooting 32 on the back nine. That might have been the best I ever played.

Greatest escape:

winning my last match at the interprovincial (I hadn't won a match all week) because my teammates were going to lock me out of the motel naked if I didn't win at least one match.

Favourite memory:

Lot's but coaching juniors and managing teams over the last 25 years.

Favourite feeling:

That feeling you get before you tee off that anything is possible and this could be your best round ever.

Least favourite feeling:

Quite often the feeling I get straight after hitting my first shot of the day and realising I'm only human.

<u>Favourite golf courses:</u> I love country courses so it would have to be Maungati Golf Club, Greendale Golf Club, Hawarden Golf Club, and the mighty Waimak.

Tournaments coming soon

Manawatu Left-handed Golfers



Tournament: May 8th & 9th



Rangitikei Golf Club, Raumai Road Bulls.
Saturday tee off 11-00 am Sunday tee off 8-30am



. Men's Gros: Nett & Stableford, Women & Supporters: Nett & Stableford Entry Fee \$55-00 includes meal & 2's

Entries to Geoff Ingram 18 Woodland Grove, Feilding, 4702 ph. 063231277 or geoffrhonda@gmail.com



Online payments Manawatu Lefties Golf a/c 03 0605 0167516-00

Good accommodation at Bridge Motor Lodge & Caravan Park, 2a Bridge St. Bulls ph. 063230894, Email: evander@bullsmotel.co.nz

The Australian Nationals 2021 Tocumwal NSW

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